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WITH NEW YORK TIMES, AND STOPS IN SANTO DOMINGO AND GENEVA

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PEREZ'S 15-DAY VISIT TO US AND EUROPE  
WILL INCLUDE STOPS IN GENEVA, AND SANTO DOMINGO, WHICH HAS  
NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. PEREZ ALSO PLANS TO MEET WITH  
DIRECTORS OF THE NY TIMES DURING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK. IN PRE-  
TRIP PRESS CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 14, PEREZ REITERATED THAT  
HE HAS NO PLANS TO SEE PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, DURING THIS TTRIP,  
BUT THAT A FURTHER VISIT TO THE U.S. IS PLANNED FOR THE FIRST  
QUARTER OF 1977. HE ALSO JUSTIFIED OPEC PRICE HIKE. END SUMMARY.

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1. GOV HAS RELEASED PRESIDENT PEREZ' OFFICIAL ITINERARY

DURING HIS VISIT OVERSEAS NOV. 15-DEC. 1. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

A. NEW YORK - NOV. 15 - ARRIVAL. NOV. 16 - WORKING BREAKFAST WITH UN OFFICIALS FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM. 45 MINUTE ADDRESS TO UNGA ON LDC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY NIEO, ENERGY AND PETROLEUM, COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. AFTERNOON - MEETING WITH DIRECTORS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES ON ISSUES OF "COMMON INTEREST." DEPARTURE FOR ITALY.

B. ROME - NOV. 17 - ARRIVAL. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEONE, WORKING SESSIONS. NOV. 18 - WORKING SESSIONS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AND MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI. NOV. 19 - VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS OF FAO AND PRESS CONFERENCE. MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LEADERS. NOV. 20 - MEETING WITH POPE PAUL VI.

C. LONDON - NOV. 21 - ARRIVAL. MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN PERSONALITIES. NOV. 22 - WORKING SESSIONS WITH ANTHONY BENN, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY, GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ENGLAND, AND AFTERNOON MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN. NOV. 23 - QUEEN ELIZABETH OFFERS LUNCHEON IN PRESIDENT'S HONOR. MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENTS OF SHELL AND BP. NOV. 23 - PROTOCOLARY VISITS.

D. SOVIET UNION - NOV. 24 - ARRIVAL MOSCOW, WORKING SESSIONS WITH KREMLIN LEADERS. DINNER IN HONOR OF PEREZ. NOV. 25 - WORKING SESSIONS. NOV. 26 - VISIT TO LENINGRAD, PROTOCOL VISIT TO WAR MONUMENT, DINNER WITH LENINGRAD OFFICIALS. NOV. 27 - VISITS TO CULTURAL SITES. (DURING THE VISIT, PEREZ MAY SPEAK ON SOVIET TELEVISION.) DEPARTURE - NOV. 27 FROM MOSCOW.

E. SWITZERLAND - ARRIVAL EVENING NOV. 27 AT GENEVA. PARTY SPENDS NIGHT IN GENEVA.

F. SPAIN - ARRIVAL IN MADRID - NOV. 28. MEETINGS AND DINNER WITH KING JUAN CARLOS. PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF NOV. 29.

G. PORTUGAL - ARRIVAL MID-DAY NOV. 29 AT LISBON. MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT EANES, DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOV. 30 - WORKING SESSION AND PRESS CONFERENCE.

H. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - ARRIVAL NOV. 30. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO SIGN BASIC PRODUCT AGREEMENT.

RETURN TO CARACAS EARLY MORNING, DEC. 1.

2. IN PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE NOV. 14, PEREZ SAID THAT

HE DOES NOT PLAN TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, BUT IS PLANNING ON ANOTHER VISIT TO THE U.S. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE PLANS DURING HIS TRIP NOT ONLY TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR VENEZUELA, BUT FOR LATIN AMERICA "WHICH IS DEMANDING A ROLE IN WORLD DECISIONS." IN A SIMILAR VEIN, HE DEFENDED ONCE AGAIN OPEC OIL PRICE INCREASES WHICH HE SAID ARE NEITHER CAPRICIOUS NOR SELFISH SINCE THEY ARE THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THE MONSTROUS DISEQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN THE DCS AND THE LDCS.

3. PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL PARTY INCLUDES FOLLOWING SENIOR OFFICIALS: FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM; MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; CARMELO LAURIA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR BASIC PRODUCTION; GOV UN AMBASSADOR SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI, OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN. IN ADDITION, MRS. PEREZ AND DAUGHTER LIC. SONIA PEREZ RODRIGUEZ WILL BE IN THE PARTY.

4. PRESS SPECULATES THAT PEREZ PLANS TO INVITE PRESIDENT LEONE, PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ, PRESIDENT EYANES, PRESIDENT BALAGUER, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND KING JUAN CARLOS TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISITS TO VENEZUELA.

5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT PEREZ IS APPARENTLY PLANNING INDEPTH DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTORS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, TIMES NEVER PUBLISHED IN FULL INFORMATION MINISTER GROSCOORS' LETTER, A FACT WE PRESUME PEREZ WILL BRING UP. MEETING SHOULD PROVIDE FOR INTERESTING INTERCHANGE OF VIEW, GIVEN TIMES COVERAGE OF RECENT EVENTS HERE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THIS MEETING WHICH COMES TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION.  
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